

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving, by a content rendering system, a command to record a program;
determining whether a second storage device is available, wherein the second storage device is separate from the content rendering system;
in response to determining that the second storage device is unavailable, automatically recording the program to a first storage device;

displaying an electronic programming guide comprising a listing of one or more programs including the recorded program;

receiving, ~~at a set-top box (STB)~~ by the content rendering system, input corresponding to an actuation of a command selecting ~~a program~~ the recorded program from the listing of one or more programs ~~in the electronic programming guide~~, the actuation including a single pressing of a selected portion of a ~~web phone~~ control device; and

automatically transferring ~~a the recorded program~~ the recorded program from ~~a the first storage device in the STB content rendering system~~ to a the second storage device separate from the STB in response to the selection of the recorded program from the listing of one or more programs in the electronic programming guide, wherein the second storage device is removable, ~~and the program was stored on the first storage device because the second storage device was unavailable at the time the program was stored.~~

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including, in response to a second input corresponding to a second actuation of a second command, transferring the program from the second storage device to the first storage device of the STB content rendering system, wherein the second actuation corresponds to a pressing of a second portion of at least one of: a control panel of the STB content rendering system, a remote control device associated with the

~~STB~~content rendering system, and ~~the~~ a web phone.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further including maintaining an index of programs and related auxiliary data transferred from the first storage device to the second storage device.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the method further includes, in response to the selection of the recorded program, the content rendering system~~STB~~ prompting for the insertion of the removable storage device into the content rendering system~~STB~~.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the removable storage device is a DVD-RAM.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with instructions, which when executed causes a ~~processor to perform a method comprising~~ a content rendering system to:
receive a command to record a program;
determine whether a second storage device is available, wherein the second storage device is separate from the content rendering system;
in response to determining that the second storage device is unavailable, automatically record the program to a first storage device;
display an electronic programming guide comprising a listing of one or more programs including the recorded program;
receive, by the content rendering system, input corresponding to an actuation of a command selecting the recorded program from the listing of one or more programs, the actuation including a single pressing of a selected portion of a control device; and
automatically transfer the recorded program from the first storage device in the content rendering system to the second storage device in response to the selection of the recorded program from the listing of one or more programs in the electronic programming guide, wherein the second storage device is removable ~~—receiving input corresponding to an actuation of a command, the command comprising a selection of a program from a listing displayed in an electronic programming guide; and~~

~~_____ transferring a program from a first storage device in an STB to a second storage device separate from the STB in response to the selection of the program from the electronic programming guide, wherein the second storage device is removable, and the program was stored on the first storage device of the STB because the second storage device was unavailable at the time the program was stored.~~

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 8, further including, in response to a second actuation of a second command, transferring the program from the second storage device to the first storage device of the content rendering system STB, wherein the second actuation corresponds to a pressing of a second portion of at least one of: a control panel of the content rendering system STB, a remote control device associated with the content rendering system STB, and a web phone.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 11, further including maintaining an index of programs and related auxiliary data transferred from the first storage device to the second storage device.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the method further includes, in response to the selection of the program, the content rendering system STB prompting for insertion of the removable storage device into the content rendering system STB.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein the removable storage device is a DVD-RAM.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A system~~ An apparatus comprising:
_____ a processor; and

memory operatively coupled to the processor and storing instructions that, when executed, cause the apparatus to:

receive, by a content rendering system, a command to record a program;

determine whether a second storage device is available, wherein the second storage device is separate from the content rendering system;

in response to determining that the second storage device is unavailable, automatically recording the program to a first storage device;

display an electronic programming guide comprising a listing of one or more programs including the recorded program;

receive, by the content rendering system, input corresponding to an actuation of a command selecting the recorded program from the listing of one or more programs, the actuation including a single pressing of a selected portion of a control device; and

automatically transfer the recorded program from the first storage device in the content rendering system to the second storage device in response to the selection of the recorded program from the listing of one or more programs in the electronic programming guide, wherein the second storage device is removable.

~~— a set top box (STB) configured to receive input corresponding to an actuation of a command, the command comprising a selection of a program from a listing displayed in an electronic programming guide; and~~

~~— a transfer unit to transfer a program from a first storage device in the STB to a second storage device separate from the STB in response to selection of the program from the electronic programming guide, wherein the second storage device is removable, and the program was stored on the first storage device because the second storage device was unavailable at the time the program was stored.~~

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) The system apparatus of claim 15, wherein the transfer unit is further configured to wherein the computer readable instructions, when executed, further cause the

apparatus to transfer the program from the second storage device to the first storage device of the content rendering system STB in response to a second actuation of a second command, wherein the second actuation corresponds to a pressing of a second portion of at least one of: a control panel of the content rendering system STB, a remote control device associated with the content rendering system STB, and a web phone.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~-apparatus of claim 18, further including an index unit configured to maintain an index of programs and related auxiliary data transferred from the first storage device to the second storage device.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~-apparatus of claim 19, ~~wherein the system further includes~~further comprising a unit configured to prompt for an insertion of the removable storage device into the content rendering system STB in response to the selection of the program.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~-apparatus of claim 20, wherein the removable storage device is a DVD-RAM.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the second actuation corresponds to a single pressing of a transfer function button on at least one of the control panel of the STB content rendering system and the remote control device.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the first portion and the second portion are the same portion.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~-apparatus of claim 15, wherein the content rendering system STB includes:

- a tuner;
- a signal input;
- a storage medium;
- a processor;
- a digital video encoder and decoder; and

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a digital output port.

25-29 (Cancelled).